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Three Month Request for Extension of Time Under 37 CFR 1.136(a) I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service as Express Mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P., O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1550, on the date-shown below. Dated: October 7, 2003 Signature (Jean Bove')